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FOR PRESIDENT FROM SECRETARY

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E.O. 11652: XGDS 1
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJ: OAS GRENADA

1. WE ARRIVED TODAY IN GREANADA FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE OAS. THE ARGENTINEAN AND CHILEAN BOTH SPOKE IN COLD WAR TERMS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND ATTACKED OUR STAND.

2. I WAS THE THIRD SPEAKER AND MY INTERVENTION EMPHASIZED STRONGLY OUR POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE NEED FOR OAS REFORM. I WAS FOLLWED BY THE URUGUAYAN WHO ALSO TOOK A HARD LINE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. MANY OF THE DELEGATES WERE PRIVATELY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR APPROACH. THE JAMAICAN GAVE US HIS SUPPORT WITH A VERY POSITIVE STATEMENT. TOMORROW COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA WILL STRONGLY ENDORSE OUR POSITION. IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE THE MAIN TOPIC AND SO FAR EVERY ONE HAS TAKEN PREDICTABLE POSITIONS.

3. I MET SEPARATELY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF
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GRENADA AND FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA. THE MEETING WITH GRENADIAN MINISTER WAS LARGELY AN APPEAL BY HIM FOR US ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. WE SAID WE WOULD MAKE NO PROMISES BUT WOULD LOOK CAREFULLY AT MATERIAL HE SUBMITTED. MY CONVERSATION WITH THE COSTA RICANS CENTERED ON WHAT STRATEGY AND TACTICS SHOULD BE ADOPTED TO ADVANCE OUR

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SHARED POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HAD A LONG SUPPER MEETING WITH THE VENEZUELANS WHICH DEALT MAINLY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. WE ARE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ADVANCE OUR JOINT CAUSE. WE ALSO TOUCHED ON ALL THE MATTERS WHICH WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE PEREZ MEETING.

4. TOMORROW WE WILL HAVE TWO SESSIONS OF THE OAS AND I WILL BE HAVING BILATERALS WITH ALL THE REMAINING FOREIGN MINISTERS. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF RANGE OF OPINIONS ON OUR KEY AGENDA PROPOSALS.
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